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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJECT: BUILDING PERMANENT EMBASSY OFFICES AND HOUSING
IN ABU DHABI

1. LOUIS MCMILLEN OF ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE, INC. CAMBRIDGE, MASS. CAME TO SEE ME JAN 21. SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ROLAND OF NEA/EX IN PURSUIT OF ANY POSSIBLE DEPT INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING US EMBASSY OFFICES AND RESIDENCES IN GULF STATES BUILT TO US STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS. DEPT MAY RECALL MCMILLEN FIRST DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT IN DEPT A YEAR AND MORE AGO. MCMILLEN SAID ROLAND HAD SUGGESTED HE TALK TO ME AND OTHERS AT EMBASSIES ON THE SPOT.

2. I TOLD MCMILLEN I DID NOT KNOW WHAT PROSPECTS REALLY WERE, BUT IF FUNDS TO FURTHER UPGRADE GULF POSTS WERE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE, AND IF DEPT APPROVED IDEA OF BUILDING OUR OWN OFFICES AND RESIDENCES TO OUR SPECIFICATIONS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FREE IDEAS AMERICAN ARCHITECTS SUCH AS MCMILLEN MIGHT HAVE. I ALSO TOLD MCMILLEN THAT CHARGE GRIFFIN AND I HAD RECENTLY VISITED SITE UAEG HAS OFFERED USG IN ABU DHABI FOR EMBASSY, AND WE PERSONALLY HAD AGREED IT HAD VERY GOOD POSSIBILITIES.

3. MCMILLEN SAID HE HAD SEEN SITE ALSO. HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SUBMIT SOME IDEAS ON OFFICE BUILDING, RESIDENCE FOR AMB AND OTHER REQUIRED BUILDINGS FOR THAT SITE. HE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED LOOK INTO POSSIBLE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, EITHER FROM KUWAITI OR UAE SOURCES, EITHER GEARED TO EVENTUAL OWNERSHIP OR SIMPLE RENT.

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HE SUGGESTED DEPT OR EMBASSY WRITE HIM LETTER COVERING BOTH

POINTS AND ASKING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE.

4. FOR ABU DHABI; PLEASE COMMENT AS YOU WISH ON ABOVE, RPTD
DEPT.

5. FOR DEPT: APPRECIATE DEPT'S REACTION AFTER HAVING HEARD FROM
ABU DHABI.
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